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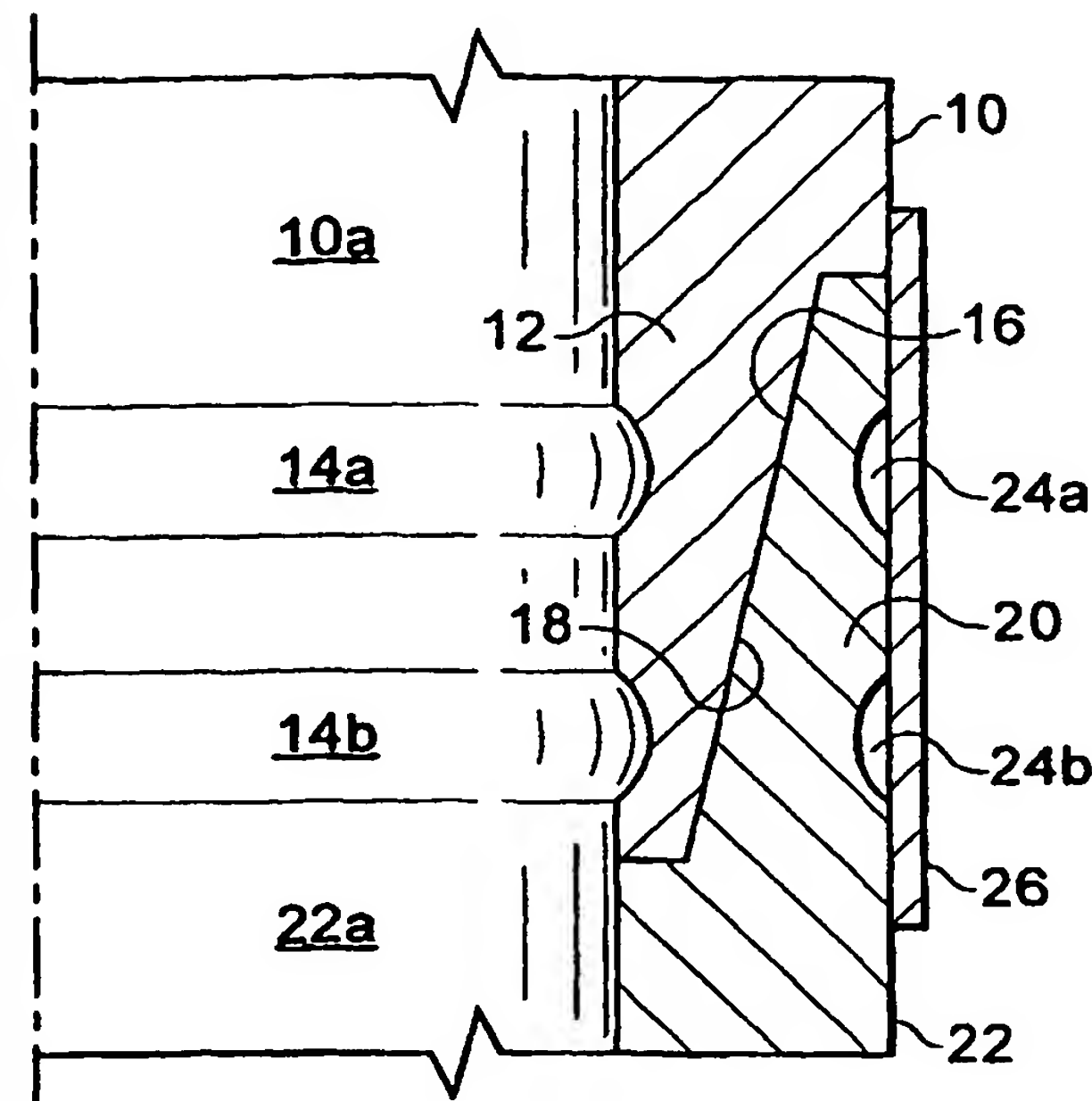
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able tubulars. There is a first tubular (10) with ex-
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matching internal threads. Each of these tubular has
stress concentration grooves (14a, 14b, 24a, 24b).
There is a sleeve (26) that goes over the connection
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